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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSED INCREASE IN DEA STAFFING FOR FY 75

1. RECENT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE PROMPTED THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO REVISE THE OVERSEAS STAFFING PLAN IT HAD PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED FOR FY 1975. THIS REVISION CONTAINS BELOW PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE LA PAZ OFFICE:

--AN INCREASE OF ONE SPECIAL AGENT POSITION AND ONE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL POSITION FOR A NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

APPROVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WOULD RAISE DEA AUTHORIZED COMPLEMENT LA PAZ TO FIVE AMERICANS (3 AGENTS, 1 PROF/TECH, 1 CLERK).

2. FOLLOWING JUSTIFICATION ACCOMPANIES DEA REQUEST FOR SPECIAL AGENT. QUOTE  
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BOLIVIA IS A MAJOR PRODUCER OF COCA LEAF. UNTIL THE ADVENT OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE, MUCH OF BOLIVIA'S PRODUCTION OF COCAINE BASE WAS SMUGGLED INTO CHILE FOR ELABORATION. WITH THE CHILEAN CRACKDOWN, HOWEVER, IT IS

LIKELY THAT LESS BOLIVIAN BASE IS NOW BEING SENT THERE.  
COCA PASTE HAS ALSO BEEN SENT TO COLOMBIA, AND THE  
BOLIVIANS MAY NOW SEEK A LARGER SHARE OF THAT MARKET, OR

THEY COULD STEP UP THEIR PRODUCTION OF COCAINE CRYSTAL  
TO FILL THE GAP LEFT BY A PRESUMED DECREASE IN CHILEAN  
PRODUCTION.

DEA'S ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD THREE  
DISTINCT AVENUES OF ATTACK:

(A) EFFORTS TO ARREST AND CONVICT ILLICIT TRAFFICKERS AND  
MANUFACTURERS OF COCAINE AND OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES;  
(B) EFFORTS TO STOP THE ILLEGAL EXPORT OF COCAINE AND  
OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES; AND  
(C) SUPPORT FOR THE USG'S OVERALL EFFORTS TO EXPLORE WAYS  
IN WHICH COCA PRODUCTION MIGHT BE REDUCED AND CONTROLLED.  
THIS INVOLVES A PILOT PROJECT TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF  
CROP SUBSTITUTION AND A STUDY OF COCA DEMAND AND TRADE  
INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT CONTROL MEASURES. DEA WOULD EXPECT  
TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROGRAM BUT  
COULD NOT DO SO AND MEET ITS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES WITH  
THE PRESENT SMALL STAFF IN LA PAZ. AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL  
AGENT IN LA PAZ WOULD ENABLE DEA TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN  
THIS PROGRAM AND CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE  
SAME TIME. IT COULD ALSO INDICATE TO THE GOB THAT THE  
USG IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER BOLIVIA'S GROWING IMPOR-  
TANCE IN THE COCAINE TRAFFIC.

3. FOLLOWING JUSTIFICATION RELATES TO REQUEST FOR NAR-  
COTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. QUOTE:

BOLIVIA IS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF  
COCA LEAF AND OF COCAINE BASE FOR EXPORT TO CHILE, PERU  
ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA WHERE IT IS PROCESSED INTO COCAINE  
CRYSTAL. CONSIDERABLE COCAINE CRYSTAL IS ALSO PROCESSED  
IN BOLIVIA. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COCAINE PRODUCED IS  
DESTINED FOR THE ILLEGAL MARKET IN THE U.S.  
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A NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN BOLIVIA WOULD:

(A) COLLECT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHIPPING OF COCAINE  
BASE WITHIN BOLIVIA TO BOLIVIAN CRYSTAL-PRODUCING LABOR-  
ATORIES AND TO LABORATORIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

(B) CONDUCT INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OPERATIONS AGAINST  
MAJOR COCA LEAF GROWERS, COCAINE PRODUCERS AND TRAFFICKERS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHIPPING OF COCAINE BASE AND CRYSTAL  
TO OTHER COUNTRIES, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER MISSION  
ELEMENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS ON  
NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION.

(C) COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS/BUYERS OF COCAINE BASE AND CRYSTAL BEING SHIPPED TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

(D) CONDUCT BILATERAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OPERATIONS WITH BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS.

(E) DEBRIEF SOURCES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN BOLIVIA.

(F) MAINTAIN AND ANALYZE OPERATIONAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE FILES OF THE DEA LA PAZ DISTRICT OFFICE.

(G) CONDUCT LIAISON WITH HOST GOVERNMENT NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. END QUOTE

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON DEA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AND ANTICIPATED REACTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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